

varied as to what would be proper. At one time it would seem that more, at another time that less, could be secured by a prosecution of the suits. The attachments covered about \$250,000 worth of property, and estimates of its value and of the financial worth of certain claims varied from time to time. Mr. Kelly was committed in the matter several times by us, but what I have said is all of the story. There is to be paid to-day \$150,000, \$50,000 is to be paid in a month, and the balance soon after. It matters little from whom the money is to come so that the city gets it. The statement or confession of Tweed was not in any way used by us to bring about the settlement."

P. Nash said: "I was called in simply to try this suit. I was of course consulted in these matters, but I do not propose personally to make any statement. A time may come when a statement will be made, but I desire to make any personal statement to the newspapers. I refer you to Mr. Peckham—he is the responsible man down here—or to the Attorney-General, who is at Albany."

Corporation Counsel Whitney was found trying the suit of James Bigler against the city for about \$70,000, a trial which was begun on Monday. He was emphatic in stating that he had acquiesced in the settlement, but wished it distinctly understood that he had not approved of the exoneration of Mr. Sweeny by Judge Westbrook. He said: "I can only say that I was consulted here in the trial of this suit by Mr. Nash and Mr. Peckham. I went over there on the benches (pointing to them) and was then told that there was an offer of \$250,000 in compromise. It would not be proper for me to say what was said then, but the result of our consultation was a determination not to take anything except a much larger sum. On the day of the settlement I was again called away from this case, and was told that \$400,000 was offered. Mr. Nash and Mr. Peckham seemed very doubtful whether they would succeed in the suit at all. Mr. Kelly was consulted and he and I finally agreed to the acceptance of that sum. I was no party, however, to any agreement that Mr. Sweeny should be in any way exonerated or declared exonerated. I say that very emphatically. As to the terms of the payment I do not know the details. I only know the general result. So far as my knowledge goes the Tweed confession was not used to bring any pressure on Mr. Sweeny. I certainly did not use it."

WHY IS NOT HUGH SMITH SUED?

THE CORPORATION COUNSEL HAS NO POWER AND MR. PECKHAM SAYS HE HAS NO INSTRUCTIONS.

It has long been known that Hugh Smith was the direct and immediate political representative of Peter B. Sweeny when the latter was the "Brain of the Ring." He was Sweeny's most trusted and confidential agent in all delicate negotiations; and in nearly all his financial operations Sweeny made Smith an active partner. Smith was jointly interested with him in all his large real estate speculations; and in the proposed extension of Madison-avenue from Twenty-third to Fourteenth, which came near to ruining half the Ring operators, Smith was his disguise. A large amount of money—in per cent of the board of Audit—was aggregated, nearly \$600,000, was traced to Smith.

The like amount was found to James M. Sweeny's credit. As Tweed got 24 per cent, it was not natural to expect that the head of the Ring was content with only the 10 per cent which James M. Sweeny was shown to have received; and this, together with the known close relations of Sweeny with Peter B. Smith to the suspicion that the latter also got Smith's receipts. This would have given him \$1,160,000, about the same amount that Tweed got out of the Board of Audit matter. Tweed's evidence would have established this fact, and it is said, was known to the prosecution. Nevertheless, only about one-third of the sum was accepted by the attorney referred to spring up and cried: "It is false. It is a hollow unworthy of any member of the bar."

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Mr. Boyd appeared for the plaintiff, Adolph L. Sanger for the defendant.

STRONG LANGUAGE IN COURT.

In the suit of Robert Cushing against Catharine Cushing for divorce, decided in the wife's favor by the referee, an application was made yesterday to Judge Gilbert, in Supreme Court, Chambers, for the possession of the two children of the wife now in St. Stephen's Home. Coughed for the husband and the wife had abandoned their home seven years ago, and added that while the case was before the referee the plaintiff and the wife, then sitting in court, approached the plaintiff and he would stand out of the way if paid a small sum.

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"Why?" was the inquiry yesterday earnestly probed to Mr. Peckham, and Mr. Whitney.

"All I can say," responded Mr. Peckham, "is that I have not been instructed to bring any suit against him."

"I have no information," said Mr. Whitney. "The people have a bureau and a fund for the hunting up and prosecution of these suits. I have neither in my office, nor, of course, take great interest in these suits, but I am not the attorney to prosecute them, nor have I any power in them. I do not know of any cause of action against Smith of my own knowledge."

PETER B. SWEENEY'S FUTURE.

WILL HE AGAIN BE A TAMmany LEADER, AND AS FREE TO BE CHAMBERLAIN ONCE MORE?

"What will Peter B. Sweeny do next?" was the question asked by the City Hall officials yesterday. The feeling generally was that he would be unable to resume his former relations with the leaders of Tammany Hall, and would be found before many months actively engaged, as he was accustomed to be in old Ring times, giving advice, and planning the election campaigns in the interest of the Democratic party in this city and State. The fact that he had effected a settlement in the name of James M. Sweeny's estate, and had sent out all the testimony against himself, was commented on as an indication of his future course. "He is now free," said a municipal officer, "to engage in local politics, and his services are too valuable to be ignored by the leaders. He is a trained politician, thoroughly posted on the ins and outs of city politics, and the party will gladly avail himself of his services."

The first task laid to be set to the rehabilitated Ring chief is the election of a Senate Bill of and an Assembly next year, which in the session of 1879 will elect Samuel J. Tilden Senator of the United States in place of Mr. Conkling. The knowledge which the Tweed state men give Mr. Tilden of leading Republican politicians in all parts of the State, added to the personal information of Sweeny, will enable the two to influence politics so that a Legislature can be elected to set the purpose of the Democratic. This ringer is largely conjecture, but recent events show Mr. Tilden and Mr. Sweeny are very long-headed men, who calculate very far ahead.

JOHN F. CHAMBERLAIN'S FALL.

THIS CITY CLUB-HOUSE FURNITURE SOLD—THE EX-AMINATION IN BANKRUPTCY.

John F. Chamberlain's gambling-house, at No. 19 West Twenty-seventh, fell into the toils of the auctioneers yesterday afternoon, and the furniture that had so long associated with the card and dice-box was sacrificed to their mercantile. Prices were low in almost all cases, though the bidding was fairly brisk, and everything brought less than one-third of the net value. There was a large number of ladies and gentlemen present, and Harper, Miller, Colton, Lynch, Barker, and Hunt, were among the names most frequently heard. Among the more noteworthy articles were a pair of crystal twelve-light chandeliers, at \$175 each, and a pair of twelve-light side brackets to match, at \$20 each. An oil painting of an Oriental woman, by Martineau, sold at \$150; a painting of Cœlestia, \$45, and a painting of Venus and Cupid, \$27. A carved black-walnut bedstead, that had graced the middle room on the second floor, brought \$132.50. A gilt-frame mirror, never hung, was sold for \$50. Parian busts of Shakespeare and Byron were sold for \$60 each. The neoprene carpet in the back parlor sold at 67½ cents a yard; that in the middle room, same floor, at 55 cents; the Brussels star carpet at 58 cents. The less expensive furniture was the most lucrative part of the sale. Roughly estimated, the sale brought \$5,000 to Mr. Chamberlain's creditors.

"What was your occupation during 1875 and 1876?" is the pending question, said Peter B. Olney on Wednesday, as the final day of John F. Chamberlain's examination in bankruptcy proceedings was begun before Register Dayton. Although the question was objected to, it was allowed. "Well—I carried on a race-track," replied Mr. Chamberlain, after much hesitation. "Anything else?" inquired Mr. Olney. "Yes, Sir, I also kept a restaurant," responded Mr. Chamberlain, with an air of triumph. "Can you mention anything else?" asked Mr. Olney. After a pause of several moments Mr. Chamberlain said: "Yes, Sir, I kept a club-house." Mr. Olney then sought the desired answer by a direct question: "Did you keep a fare bank or roulette table at your house in Long Branch?" Immediately this question was objected to by L. H. Arnold, counsel for Mr. Chamberlain. An excited debate followed between the counsel, the Register taking part. Mr. Arnold and the Register differed on points not within the scope of the order granted by Justice Blodget, and did not care to answer Mr. Chamberlain's assets.

Mr. Chamberlain admitted that he had seen a pack of cards, and had seen games of cards played for money in his place, but he never participated in them. The same counsel also asked as regards roulette. Here Mr. Chamberlain hesitated, looked at his counsel, and finally their heads came together, and they whispered for several moments. Finally the answer was received that he had not participated in roulette. The Register then asked him if he was interested in business with him, which was objected to by Mr. Dayton concerning "Well, I don't think it's worth while to go on," said Mr. Olney. "That's all I wanted to know." The same counsel then asked him if he was interested in his business. "Well, we were there," was the next question. A long pause followed when the Register asked him if he was interested in roulette. Mr. Arnold then said: "Yes, Sir, I have some capital in roulette, and a long conversation in an audience followed. 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